

**515E.3 Risk retention groups organized in this state.**

To be organized as a risk retention group in this state, the group must be organized and licensed as a liability insurance company authorized by the insurance laws of this state. Except as provided elsewhere in [this chapter](#), a risk retention group organized in this state must comply with all of the laws, rules, and requirements applicable to liability insurers organized in this state. Additionally, a risk retention group organized in this state must comply with [section 515E.4](#). These requirements do not exempt risk retention groups from a duty imposed by any other law or rule of the state. Before it may offer insurance in any state, each risk retention group shall also submit for approval to the commissioner of insurance of this state a plan of operation or a feasibility study, and revisions of the plan or study, within ten days of any change. The name under which a risk retention group may be chartered and licensed shall be a brief description of its membership followed by the phrase “risk retention group” and, unless its membership consists solely of insurers, shall not include the terms “insurance”, “mutual”, “reciprocal”, or any similar term. All risk retention groups chartered in this state shall file with the division and the national association of insurance commissioners an annual statement blank prepared in accordance with instructions prescribed by the commissioner. All financial information reflected in the annual statement shall be kept and prepared in accordance with accounting practices and procedures prescribed by the commissioner. The commissioner may adopt by reference the annual statement handbook and the accounting practices and procedures manual of the national association of insurance commissioners.

A risk retention group organized in this state shall file in the office of the commissioner a power of attorney and an agreement in writing that service of process in any action or proceeding against the society may be served on the commissioner and shall be of the same legal force and validity as if served upon the society, and that the authority shall continue in force so long as any liability remains outstanding in this state. Copies of the power of attorney, certified by the commissioner, shall be deemed sufficient evidence of the appointment and shall be admitted in evidence with the same force and effect as the original.

[88 Acts, ch 1111, §4; 92 Acts, ch 1162, §43; 2003 Acts, ch 91, §46](#)

Referred to in [§515E.4](#)